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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 September 2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,5,7,9-11,19-25 and 27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-2, 4-5, 7, 9-11, 19-25, and 27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to Applicant's submission dated September 30, 2010, in which Applicant cancelled claims 3, 6, 8, 12-18, and 26, and amended claims 1-2 and 5.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Examine previously rejected claims 19-20, 22, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement because the specification does not enable the instant compounds to inhibit transforming growth factor β 1 or angiotensin II (AngII) receptor converting enzyme; treat a chronic renal disorder; cardio-cerebrovascular disease, including hypertension, cerebral embolism, myocardial infarction, cerebrovascular accidents, or stroke; non-insulin dependent diabetes; or a tumor or pre-cancerous lesion using an effective amount of a compound corresponding of formula (I) or enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to use the invention.

Applicant argues that as "can be seen from the experimental Example 3 that begins on page 59 of the specification, in particular table 5B and D, it is clear that the present compounds do have the effect of decreasing TGF β 1 and Ang II serum level, and thus illustrate the activity of inhibiting TGF β 1 and Ang II receptor converting enzyme.

Examiner does not find this argument persuasive because looking at the two tables that Applicant has pointed out, the dose of Benazepril was 4 mg/kg and Losartan was 10 mg/kg, while Compound 149 was tested at doses of 7.5, 15, and 30 mg/kg. Not only are the doses inconsistent between the test and the control groups, but at the lowest dose for Compound 149 the percentage change included both increase and decrease results.

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As such, Examiner maintains this rejection with regards to claims 19-20.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Examiner previously rejected claims 1-7, 9-11, and 19-27 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification does not reasonably provide enablement for making hydrates of the claimed invention. The specification does not enable a person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

Because the specification in fact includes hydrates as pointed out by Applicant, Examiner withdraws this rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Examiner previously rejected claims 1-3, 10-11 and 27 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by El-Kerdawy, et al., *Application of the Knoevenagel Condensation to 4-acetamidophenazone Derivatives*, Indian J. of Chemistry, Section B: Organic Chem. Including Medicinal Chem., 26B(12), 1189-91 (1987); claims 1, 4, 10-11 and 27 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Levy, et al., U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0229065; claims 1-2 and 4 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Bylov, et al., *Synthesis and Anti-inflammatory Activity of N-substituted 2-oxo-2H-1-benzopyran-3-carboxyamides and Their 2-iminoanalogues*, Eur. J. Med. Chem. 34, 997-1001 (1999); claims 1-2, 4, 10-11 and 27 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Ogiso, et al., JP 06145164; claims 1-2, 4, 10-11 and 27 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Reusser, et al., WO 89/07939.

First, Applicant argues that the “pyrazole-derived substituents are deleted from Claim 1, thus the compounds of Claim 1 and the claims dependent thereon are not anticipated by El-Kerdawy.” Examiner agrees and withdraws the rejection with regards to El-Kerdawy.

Next, Applicant argues that the “definition of R₇ is amended to exclude hydrogen.” Examiner does not find this argument persuasive because in claim 1 and its dependent claims, R₇ still includes hydrogen in its definition. As such, Examiner maintains this rejection with regards to the remaining references and claims 1-2, 4, 10-11 and 27.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Examiner previously rejected claims 1-3, 10-11 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over El-Kerdawy, et al., *Application of the Knoevenagel Condensation to 4-acetamidophenazone Derivatives*, Indian J. of Chemistry, Section B: Organic Chem. Including Medicinal Chem., 26B(12), 1189-91 (1987); claims 1-4, 10-11 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ukhov, et al., *Synthesis and Antimicrobial Activity of 2-Iminocoumarin-3-carboxylic acid amides*, Pharmaceutical Chemistry Journal, Vol. 35, No. 7 (2001); and claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bylov, et al., *Synthesis and Anti-inflammatory Activity of N-substituted 2-oxo-2H-1-benzopyran-3-carboxyamides and Their 2-iminoanalogues*, Eur. J. Med. Chem. 34, 997-1001 (1999).

Applicant argues that since none of the references above disclose “a compound with substitution in the 7th-position, the claimed compounds are inventive” over them. Examiner does not find this argument persuasive because not only does it not address the issues raised in the Office action, but the 7th-position of the instant compounds can be hydrogen and therefore

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substitution is not required at this position. As such, Examiner maintains this rejection with regards to claims 1-2, 10-11 and 27.

New Grounds of Rejection Necessitated by Amendment

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7, 9-11, 19-25 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

i) In claim 1, the definition of R₇ is as follows:

R₇ is selected from the group consisting of H, hydroxyl, C₁-C₄ alkyl and ~~[[or]]~~ alkoxy, carboxyalkylenoxy, and OCH₂CONHR_{4,1}, ~~wherein R_{4,1} is selected from the group consisting of un-substituted, mono- or multi-substituted phenyl wherein the substituent is selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, OCH₃, CF₃, CO₂H, CO₂C₂H₅, and NO₂.~~

It is improper for "and" to be introduced between the alkyl and alkoxy choices in place of ~~[[or]]~~ because MPEP 2173.05(h) provides that proper Markush language is "selected from the group consisting of A, B, C and D". The instant recitation has "A, B, C **and** D, E **and** ... F", which is not proper for this reason. Correction is required.

ii) Next, claim 1 contains the partial group "OCH" and the rest of R₇ has been deleted by a line through. Two of the electrons of the carbon atom are unaccounted for and so OCH is

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indefinite. It is unknown if this moiety is monovalent or divalent. Correction is required.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Erich A. Leeser whose telephone number is 571-272-9932. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 6:00 EST.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Mr. James O. Wilson can be reached at 571-272-0661. The fax number for the organization where this application is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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